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Title: ZOOM LENS SYSTEM

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed.

No copies of the references marked with an asterisk have been provided pursuant to §1.98(d)(2). Those references were cited in the parent application 09/471,804, filed December 23, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,185,048).

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